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APA Defines Conservatives

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O'REILLY: In the "impact" segment tonight, if you read a lot of elite media publications, they go out of their way to label people conservatives. Yet you rarely see the word "liberal" attached to people such as Bill Moyers or Walter Cronkite, for example.

That's because the elite types feel conservatives are, well, limited thinkers and that false perception has been reinforced by the American Psychological Association, which has legitimized a study by U.C. Berkeley, a bastion of liberalism, that diminishes conservative thought. And here's the kicker. It cost the taxpayer \$1.2 million to have that study done.

Joining us now from Orlando, Florida, is Republican Congressman Tom Feeney. He's looking into the study because it did receive federal funds.

This is outrageous, isn't it? You got a bunch of pinheads from Berkeley. Let me just read you - this is incredible. We're not taking this seriously, folks, so don't get angry. We're take it seriously -- the money.

This - the guys who did this study at Berkeley, here's one paragraph that they wrote. "One is justified in referring to Hitler, Mussolini, Reagan and Limbaugh as right wing conservatives because they share an - not because they share an opposition to big government or a mythical romanticized view of Aryan purity -- they did share those specific attitudes -- but because they all preach a return to an idealized past."

That's ridiculous. I mean they're putting Mussolini and Hitler and Reagan and Limbaugh in the same soup bowl, and these guys get \$1.2 million from the federal government? Congressman, how can that happen?

FEENEY: Well, Bill, later in their study, they go even further. They talk about Stalin and Khrushchev and even Castro and say that they're conservative. We all know that they're an example of the extreme left wing.

Plus, this is an example of pseudo psychology dressed up as science, bashing with their politically correct viewpoint with our tax dollars...

O'REILLY: I know.

FEENEY: ... people that believe in conservative principles. I'll tell you...

O'REILLY: But how -- how does it happen?

See, look, I don't object to the study. I don't object to the American Psychological Association printing it. If they want to do this nonsense, I'm free to walk away from those people and call them pinheads, all right?

But I -- how does it happen that they get \$1.2 mil?

FEENEY: Well, I'll tell you what it happens because the National Institute for Health has almost carte blanche in terms of the studies they do. I just got to Congress back in January. I'll tell you this study was funded three years ago.

I now know, by the way, why -- what Plato, Churchill, Ronald Reagan, William F. Buckley, and us other conservatives have in common. We're simpleminded, and we have some mental deficiency or imbalance, thanks to the study.

O'REILLY: Yes. Oh, yes.

FEENEY: But here's the point. Unfortunately, as recently as just two weeks ago, there was an amendment to try to take out studies that -- for example, why San Francisco Asian females...

O'REILLY: Yes, we covered that story. That's the NIH again. Right.

FEENEY: But, you know, we lost that vote by two votes on the House floor, Bill.

O'REILLY: Yes.

FEENEY: We can rip out some of these crazy, politically motivated studies that make no sense. We really ought to be studying with respect to our scientific research things like what's the cause of autism.

O'REILLY: Well, we had Congressman Weiner from New York who's a Democrat on who voted for the Asian hookers, and they wanted to study gay Indians, too, OK, at the...

FEENEY: Not only gay...

O'REILLY: ... at the same time.

FEENEY: Not only gay Indians, but lesbians, transgender Indians, and two-spirited Indians.

O'REILLY: Yes. All alternative Indian lifestyles, OK.

FEENEY: That's exactly right.

O'REILLY: Now what Congressman Weiner said was that the government can learn from these studies, but I'm reading the study that conservatives are bad, dumb people, and some of them are. But some liberals are, too. Some everything are, OK? I mean you -- so what am I learning from this? Did you learn anything from this?

FEENEY: I have learned something from this. Unfortunately, while there's a lot of us that want to be responsible, the difference between Congress and drunken sailors is that drunken sailors are spending their own money...

O'REILLY: Well, I...

FEENEY: ... and it's so...

O'REILLY: And I think we all have to take it seriously now that we have a record deficit in this country.

FEENEY: Well, that's -- that's -- it's an intoxicating experience to spend other people's money. Self-discipline is very difficult when you basically have carte blanche.

What I want to do -- and Mario Diaz-Balart, Jeb Hensarling, two other freshmen, and I have started a Washington Waste Watchers. We're going to remind bureaucrats that we're watching what they do with our tax dollars.

O'REILLY: All right. Put us on your mailing list and just do bullet points on every time that the pinheads up on the Hill waste our money. Shoot us off a little memo, and I'll make a regular thing of it. We'll put it on the screen there every time they do. How's that?

FEENEY: Well, that -- that's exactly appropriate. The notion that Churchill and Reagan and the William F. Buckley's of the world are somehow, A, stupid, and...

O'REILLY: Yes, I know.

FEENEY: ... B...

O'REILLY: It's just insane. But it came out of Berkeley, California, Congressman. So there you go. We appreciate it. Thanks very much.

FEENEY: But you and I funded it. We're going to stop doing that.

O'REILLY: OK.